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Economic and the Operative - for 1955:

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Economic Plan - 1955Operative Plan - 1955

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>		<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>		
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